Hiring of Despatch Vessel by CPT

3433. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Calcutta Port Trust has hired a despatch vessel named "ASIE TRINIDAD";

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether the vessel was used by CPT; and

(d) if so, the results achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The vessel "ASIE TRINIDAD" was hired for one year with effect from 15.1.1994.

(c) and (d). The vessel was used by the Calcutta Port for river conservancy work. Since the performance of the vessel was not satisfactory, the contract was terminated on expiry of one year period with effect from 15.1.1995.

Strike by Port and Dock Employees

3434. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the principle of no work-no pay is applied to port and dock workers and their wages are deducted when they go on strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the port and dock officers went on one day strike on January 30, 1996;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether their salaries have been deducted for that day applying the principle of 'no work no pay', if so, when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the case of strike/stoppage of work in contravention of the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the employees are not paid wages for the period of their absence from duty.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The strike was almost complete in all the Major Ports and was called to press for the implementation of the recommendations of the Pay Revision Committee.

(e) and (f). All Major Port Trusts except Paradip and Cochin have deducted the salaries for one day from the salary bills of subsequent months. The Cochin and Paradip Port Trusts have been instructed to follow the same.

[Translation]

Funds for Cantonment Boards in Gujarat

3435. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided for the development works to various cantonment boards in Gujarat during the last three years till-date;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem of water and electricity supply in these cantonment board areas; and

(c) the schemes of the Government to make these boards effective and people serving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) There is only one Cantonment in Gujarat namely Ahmedabad Cantonment. This is self sufficient. No grant from Ministry of Defence has been given to this Cantonment Board during the last 3 years. However, funds provided to the Board by way of service charges by the Central Government for the last 3 years are as follows :

1993-94	Rs.	50,00,000.00
1994-95	Rs.	88,61,477.00
1995-96	Rs.	3,98,62,363.00

(b) The Cantonment Board, Ahmedabad is having their own water supply scheme for notified civil area and for water supply in Bungalow area, they are taking water from MES under an agreement. The electricity is provided in Cantonment area by the State Electricity Board and not by the Cantonment Board. No problem in respect of water and electricity supply in Cantonment area has been reported to the Government.

(c) Cantonment Boards are body corporate with elected members representing the local civil population and are administered under the provisions of Cantonments Act, 1924.

[English]

Land to Rastraguru Surendra Nath College, Barrackpore

3436. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Principal of Rastraguru Surendra Nath College, Barrackpore have made several representation to the Government as well as with the concerned authorities to hand-over the defence land to the said college;

(b) whether several Members of Parliament have also approached the Government to hand-over the defence land to this college;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue necessary instructions to the Eastern Command, Calcutta to do the needful;